

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 36 and 38-39 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Claims 36 and 38 are amended; Claims 6-7, 9-14, 26-35 and 37 are canceled; and no new claims are added herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 6, 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Eldridge in view of Martin; Claims 26-28, 32-35 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Martin in view of Eldridge '374, Eldridge '254, Sato, and Sojima; and Claims 36, 38 and 39 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner indicating allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Claim 36 is amended to include base Claims 32 and 35. Claim 38 has been rewritten in independent form including base Claim 6.

For the reasons discussed above, applicants respectfully submit that Claims 36 and 38-39 are in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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